Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—My question is whether the copyists who have put in less than 10 years service have been requesting Government to pay them pension ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not have that information.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will the Government consider their representation sympathetically ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That will be considered.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Are the copyists of the other integrated areas also included in the answer ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This is only with regard to old Mysore.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Sir, the question is in respect of the whole State.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It has been said that this was adopted from 1st January 1949. On that day there was only the old Mysore State and not the present Mysore State.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—What does Government propose to do with regard to the copyists in the other integrated areas ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I cannot say offhand.

Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in Kolar District.

Q.—198. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies and the number of them functioning in Kolar District ;

(*b*) the number of Societies now dealing in sale of rice and distribution of short-term and medium-term loans ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self Government) [on behalf of SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA, (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) 128 and 104 respectively.

(*b*) 20 societies are dealing in sale of Government rice, 58 societies are dispensing short term credit and out of these 18 societies are dispensing medium term credit also.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Supplementary to (*a*)—It is stated in the reply that out of the 128 societies 104 are functioning. May I know the steps taken to revitalise the remaining societes ?

*Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Necessary steps are taken by the Department.

Use of D. D. T. as Insecticide for Preservation of Foodgrains.

Q.—628. Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Mysore).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that insecticides such as D.D.T. is used by the merchants in Mysore, Bangalore and other places for preservation of foodgrains ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the Central Food Research Institute examined the Food Analyst of the Mysore City Municipality and the results showed that such preservation of foodgrains was highly injurious to the health of the public ;

(*c*) if so, the steps they have taken to prevent the using of harmful insecticides for preservation of foodgrains ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Health).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Health Officer, Mysore City, was requested to seize the samples and get them analysed. The merchants were advised to desist from using D.D.T. and to use Ethylene-dibromide.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Supplementary to (*c*). May I know what steps Government have taken for Bangalore City ?